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## Campus construction goes on at many levels



Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian

The sunset illuminates rubble from the renovation of Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Tuesday evening. There are roughly 230 construction projects currently taking place on campus.

Russell Edem  
contributing writer

The Campus Planning and Facilities Department, located in Dykstra Hall, is where all campus construction projects and renovations get their start, according to Abe Fattaey, director for campus planning and facility management.

Fattaey said there are roughly 230 projects of different levels of renovation and construction taking place around campus. He added that projects costing more than \$750,000 are considered "capital improvements."

Some of these capital improvement projects include Bill Snyder Family Stadium, Bramlage Coliseum and Jardine Apartments. The funding for these projects comes from various sources, including private donations, athletic revenue bonds and housing revenue bonds, as well as other revenue bonds.

The major projects are contracted out to private contractors, but campus facility workers have some input on the projects in terms of what materials are used.

"We have specific things we like to see in buildings, such as flush valves, toilets and things like that," said Ed Heptig, director of facility maintenance.

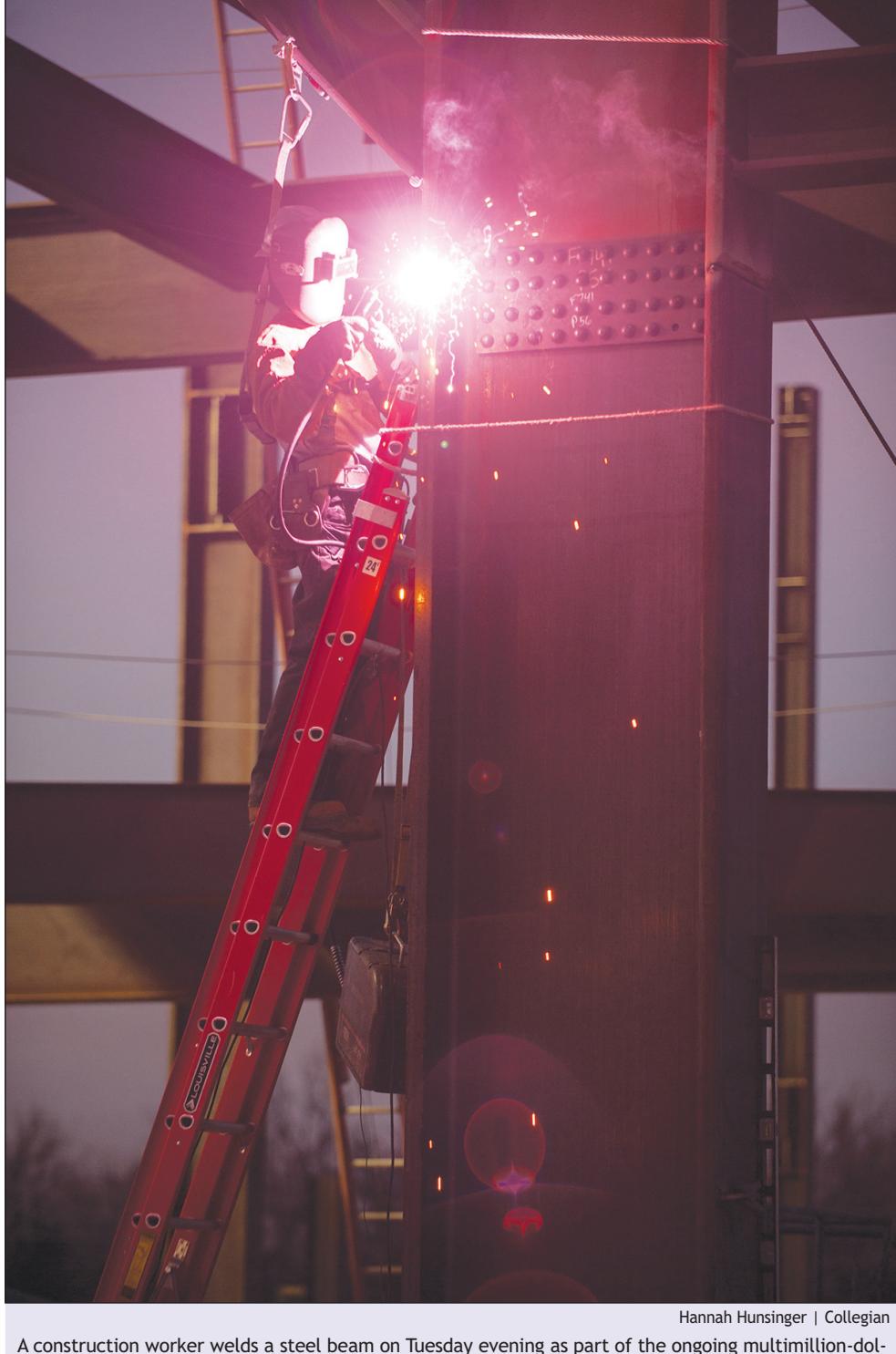
Heptig said the department provides this input to contractors because it is easier to maintain one type of valve instead of a variety. Outside contractors also consult the maintenance department for information on utilities, he said.

"They will come to us about where power is coming from and what is feeding what," Heptig said.

The Division of Facilities takes care of in-house work like remodeling rooms and fixing general maintenance issues.

"If you have a room that needs remodeled, painting and fixing carpet, we will do that," Heptig said.

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Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian

A construction worker welds a steel beam on Tuesday evening as part of the ongoing multimillion-dollar Bill Snyder Family Stadium renovation, which is partially funded by private donations and bonds.

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## Global news briefs

Mike Stanton  
assistant news editor

Tear gas used on Egyptian protesters

According to the New York Times, riot police fired tear gas at tens of thousands of protesters gathered outside the presidential palace in Cairo on Tuesday. The demonstrators were protesting a draft constitution that was rushed through a conservative Islamist-dominated assembly last week. Egyptians will vote on the constitution in a Dec. 15 referendum.

President Mohamed Morsi, who won Egypt's first contested election with direct universal suffrage by a slim margin after former leader Hosni Mubarak was overthrown, decreed on Nov. 22 that he and the panel responsible for writing the nation's new constitu-

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## Employees of The Chef breakfast cafe put personal spin on restaurant decor



Evert Nelson | Collegian

Caleb Wasinger, Manhattan resident and employee at The Chef, decorates a gingerbread man in The Chef restaurant on Tuesday night during the breakfast cafe's fourth "Gingerbread Decorating Party." The staff decorated around seven dozen cookies for the Christmas tree inside the cafe, said owner Kevin Harris, who also said the party is a bonding experience for employees. The garland ornamenting the restaurant as well as the tree, which holds 1,600 festive lights, are both the real deal.



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Co-owners Kurstian (left) and Kevin Harris, Manhattan residents, decorate gingerbread cookies Tuesday night at their breakfast cafe, The Chef. Kurstian said The Chef has been open for over four years and has organized an employee gingerbread-decorating party every year since. Besides Christmas, The Chef owners and staff also decorate the restaurant for other major holidays.



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Differently decorated gingerbread cookies line cookie sheets on a table in The Chef breakfast cafe on Tuesday night. Besides snowmen, Christmas trees and Superman, other cookies were decorated with the Fiesta Bowl logo, the likeness of Bill Snyder and an LGBT-themed design.

Evert Nelson  
staff writer

A family atmosphere extends beyond just the customer experience at The Chef breakfast cafe. Tuesday night, employees and friends of employees decorated gingerbread cookies for the Christmas tree located inside the cafe.

The Chef was open outside of normal business hours for the staff of waiters, waitresses, cooks and owners to help in what co-owner Kurstian Miller called the "gingerbread decorating party."

Open for the last four years, The Chef has prepared for the holidays each year by asking employees to volunteer their time to decorate the cafe.

"We go all out pretty much with all the holidays," said Jo Brown, employee of The Chef.

For anyone walking by and looking through the windows, seeing people gathered around a table decorating cookies might look more like a social event than work. Kevin Harris, co-owner, said that the night of decorating is a good bonding experience for workers.

"It's all about family," Harris said.

The unique decorations in the cafe match The Chef's unique personality and atmosphere. From a snowman decorated to look like the Fiesta Bowl logo to a Superman gingerbread man, the decorated cookies each had a unique style reflective of the person who made them.

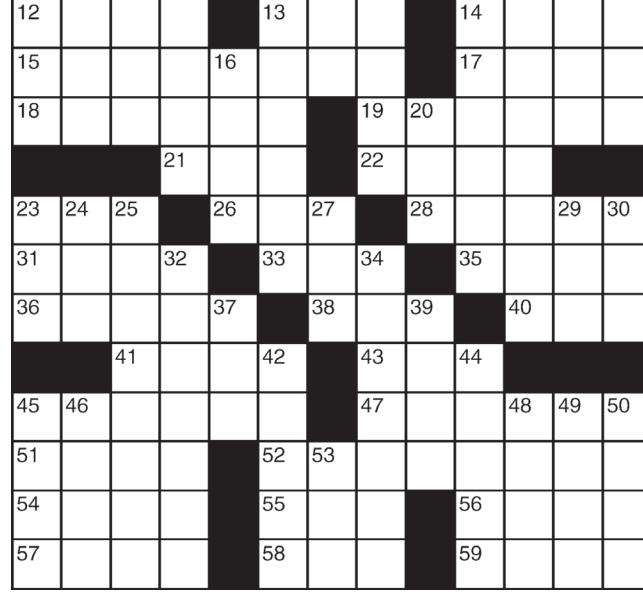
The owners say the decorations should be up by Thursday.



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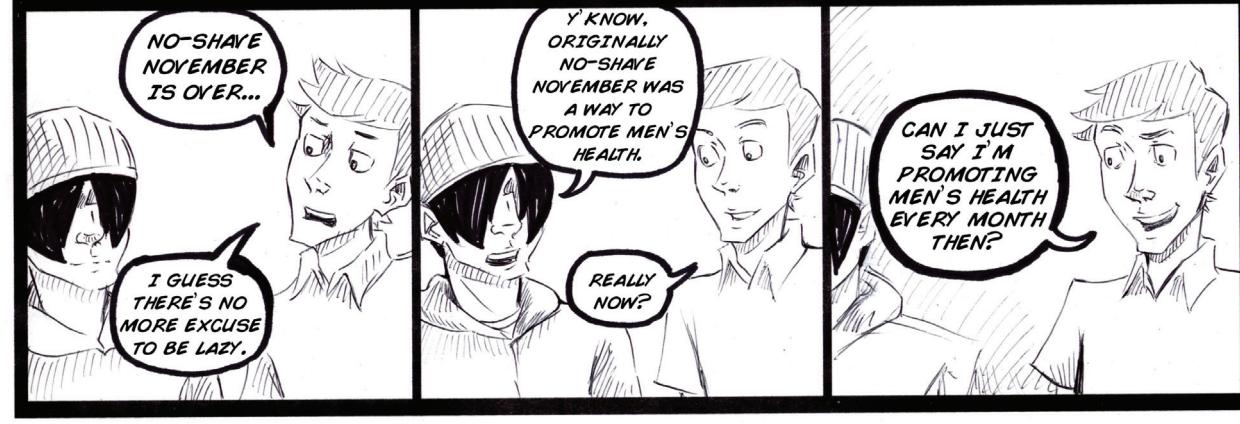
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#### ARREST REPORTS

Monday, Dec. 3

**William Hughes**, of the 2900 block of Keats Avenue, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Jahmell Voisin**, of the 500 block of Colorado Street, was

booked for felony theft and two counts of misdemeanor theft. Bond was set at \$500.

**Candace Lynn Judd**, of Junction City, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$750.

Compiled by Katie Goerl

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## Women's basketball stays undefeated in Wichita

**Mike Stanton**  
assistant news editor

With the help of 18 points from senior guard Brittany Chambers, the K-State women's basketball team beat Wichita State University 48-43 on the road Tuesday night to move to 6-0 on the year.

Chambers, who added six rebounds, three steals and an assist, has been key to the Wildcats' success, leading the team with 19.3 points, 7.3 rebounds and three assists per game. She scored seven straight points for the Wildcats in less than two minutes in last night's game, pushing the Cats to a 9-2 lead and forcing Wichita State to call a timeout with 15:35 left in the half.

The Wildcats held the lead throughout the first half, increasing it to 20-10 with just over two minutes to go in the half. A 3-by-3 by Wichita senior guard Jessica Diamond followed by a 2-point jumper by sophomore forward Kelsey Jacobs cut the Cats' lead in half before halftime.

The Wildcats started to pull away in the second half, increasing their lead to 36-21 less than six minutes in. The Shockers then came to life behind Diamond with around 7 minutes left in the game, fighting their way back to a 42-40 deficit. Chambers scored with just over a minute to go to give the Wildcats a 6-point lead, and 20 seconds later, freshman guard Brianna Craig iced the game with a pair of free throws.

K-State scraped out a 5-point road win over now 3-5 Wichita State.

Chambers, who played all but two minutes in the victory, shot 38.8 percent from the field, hitting just 1-of-5 from the 3-point line, and made three of six free throws. Three of Chambers' six boards came on the offensive end, but she turned the ball over four times compared to just one assist.

Junior forward Chantay Caron led the Wildcats with nine rebounds, including six on offense.

Diamond led the Shockers with 13 points and added three steals. Redshirt junior forward Michelle Price came off the bench to lead Wichita State with 10 rebounds.

Before the game, Wichita State hosted the second annual Color Me Pink Luncheon to support breast cancer research. The head coaches of both teams, Deb Patterson of K-State and Jody Adams of Wichita State, spoke to attendees in a question-and-answer session at the luncheon.

K-State will return home to face South Dakota at 3 p.m. on Dec. 9 in Bramlage Coliseum.

Austin Colbert | Wichita State Sunflower

K-State's redshirt junior Kendra Spresser steals the ball away from Wichita State's Kelsey Jacobs in the first half of Tuesday's game in Wichita. The Wildcats won 48-43 in their sixth straight win.



## Two-minute drill: Belcher was offered counseling, Kentucky ends streak



**Nick Davis**  
staff writer

**NFL**

Jovan Belcher, Kansas City Chiefs linebacker who shot and killed 22-year-old girlfriend Kasandra Perkins before ending his own life outside of Arrowhead Stadium on Saturday, was offered counseling to deal

Courtesy photo

Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher shot and killed his 22-year-old girlfriend Kasandra Perkins, mother of his four-month-old daughter, then shot himself in front of Chiefs GM Scott Pioli and head coach Romeo Crennel at Arrowhead Stadium on Saturday.

with his relationship issues, the Kansas City Star reported Tuesday.

After Belcher took the life of his child's mother, he drove to Arrowhead and thanked Chiefs GM Scott Pioli and head coach Romeo Crennel for all their help, stating, "it's too late." He then asked Pioli and Chiefs' owner Clark Hunt if they would take care of his daughter, police told the Star, then shot himself.

The Chiefs played through the tragedy and picked up their second win, knocking off the Carolina Panthers 27-21.

**NCAAF**

Wisconsin head coach Bret Bielema, former assistant

under coach Bill Snyder, left his position at Wisconsin to take the same position as the Arkansas Razorbacks head coach, according to ESPN's Adam Rittenberg on Tuesday. The move comes as a surprise, since Bielema and the Wisconsin Badgers have won three straight Big Ten titles and are headed to Pasadena, Calif., for their third consecutive Rose Bowl.

The Badgers tore apart the Nebraska Cornhuskers 70-31 in Saturday's Big Ten Championship.

Bielema was head coach at Wisconsin for seven years, amassing a 68-24 record. He inherits an Arkansas team that went 4-8 and will be not playing in the

postseason. Wisconsin has yet to announce whether or not Bielema will remain on the coaching staff when the Badgers take on Stanford in the Rose Bowl next month.

**NCAAF**

Baylor head coach Art Briles, who was rumored to be a candidate for the no longer vacant Arkansas head coaching position, has accepted a new long-term deal with Baylor, according to ESPN's Joe Schad. Briles Baylor Bears turned their season around by winning their last three games, highlighted by the dethroning of top-ranked K-State.

Finishing 7-5, Baylor earned a spot in the Holiday Bowl and will take on the 17th-ranked UCLA Bruins Dec. 27.

**NCAA basketball**

Kentucky has fallen from the top 25 polls after 61 consecutive appearances. The Kentucky Wildcats, known for stockpiling young "one-and-done" talents, had their then-nation-leading 55-game home court winning streak snapped last week. The Wildcats lost 64-50 at Notre Dame on Nov. 29 and lost 64-55 to the Baylor Bears on Saturday. Kentucky was ranked No. 8 prior to losing the two games, which dropped them completely out of the top 25 polls — the most dramatic drop in poll history.

## How K-State sports broadcaster Wyatt Thompson found his 'dream job'

**Taylor Lambdin**  
contributing writer

Sportscaster Wyatt Thompson can leave listeners in awe at his energetic play-by-play descriptions of K-State athletic events. To understand the man behind the voice, you must first listen to Thompson's commentary on a football or men's basketball game.

Thompson's voice can be remembered on many memorable K-State calls: "Collin Klein with a remarkable run for the Wildcats"; "Darren Sproles to the 30, the 20, 10, 5, Touchdown Kansas State!" or "Michael Beasley's emphatic dunk gets the student section rocking here in the Octagon of Doom!"

Thompson refers to his position as sports broadcaster for K-State as his dream job.

"Being a K-State fan all my life and coming from Solomon, Kan., and doing the things I am, having a dream job really is humbling," Thompson said.

Most of Thompson's fol-

lowers do not realize that during the summer sports dry spell, Thompson is constantly on the move. Catbackers events call for more than 30 stops in a span of 50 days, during which Thompson does public relation events and gives speeches to raise money.

Jon Chelesnik, CEO for the Sportscasters Talent Agency of America and K-State alum, discussed Thompson's dedication to K-State.

"Everyone is familiar with his on-air work, which is outstanding. What folks might not realize is the depth and sincerity of his passion for all things K-State," Chelesnik said. "Another thing about Wyatt, for which I have great respect, is his accessibility to and willingness to help aspiring broadcasters. Wyatt is a gem."

Thompson's fascination with broadcasting began while watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball games with his dad and admiring their Hall of Fame broadcasters.

After graduating from

Colby County Community College, Thompson took a job in Goodland, Kan., covering sports events for radio and television. After Goodland,

**"Wyatt is the consummate professional and a true friend. His passion for K-State is displayed not only through his broadcast capabilities but also every single day at work and around the community."**

**Kenny Lannou**  
assistant director of communications for K-State Athletics

Thompson went to Colorado and held numerous broadcasting jobs including stints for Colorado State University and small market jobs covering professional sports in

Denver.

Tim Weiser, former athletic director for Colorado State University, contacted Thompson with a K-State broadcasting job once Weiser became the athletic director.

Thompson never forgot his first visit on campus after flying in to accept the job.

"I met Bill Snyder for about 30 minutes and had an interesting conversation as the new voice for the Cats," Thompson said. "We talked more about life and family than football, which really spoke miles for how good a man Snyder truly is."

After years of performing the daily routine at K-State, Thompson said he lives for calling the games — not for himself, but for the fans.

"I work all week waiting to get to game day. I live for the kick-off or tip-off. Interviewing the student athletes is a blast, because of how vibrant and full of life they are," Thompson said. "The only downside is I have to sacrifice my personal life with my wife, Karen, but I luckily have most

of July off to spend with her."

Brian Smoller, director of Powercat Vision/K-State HDTV, called Wyatt an inspiration to other broadcasters.

"His uncanny ability to relate to people at any level is a lesson to all aspiring broadcasters on how to handle oneself in the public eye," Smoller said.

Thompson has called some of the greatest games in K-State sports history, and he talked about a couple that were particularly memorable for him.

"My best moments at K-State undoubtedly would be the 2003 Big 12 football championship game and the Elite Eight team with Pullen and Clemente — truly remarkable," Thompson said.

He also said that he hopes people can sense how much passion and zeal he has for his job when calling games and how much he cares about his personal and K-State families.

Kenny Lannou, assistant athletic director of communications for K-State Athletics, who works with Thompson to

set up interviews, had nothing but kind words to say about Thompson.

"Wyatt is the consummate professional and a true friend. His passion for K-State is displayed not only through his broadcast capabilities, but also every single day at work and around the community," Lannou said.

If Thompson wasn't a broadcaster he believes he would pursue farming or coaching opportunities in Kansas.

"I've been around sports since I was 18 years old. If I was to have to go out and get a real job, I don't know if I could do it, and some people might laugh at me, but it's the truth," Thompson said. "At the end of the day it's about the students, and specifically the student athletes I work with, and providing them a great academic and athletic experience."

**Editor's Note:** This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

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## 'Call of Duty: Black Ops II' draws on other games

### "Call of Duty: Black Ops II"

★★★★★

Video game review by Nick Davis

Let me start off by saying that the "Call of Duty: Black Ops" franchise is far different from the "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare" series. I will refer back to "Modern Warfare 3" several times throughout this review, because gamers who have purchased "Black Ops II," or plan on doing so, have more than likely been playing MW3.

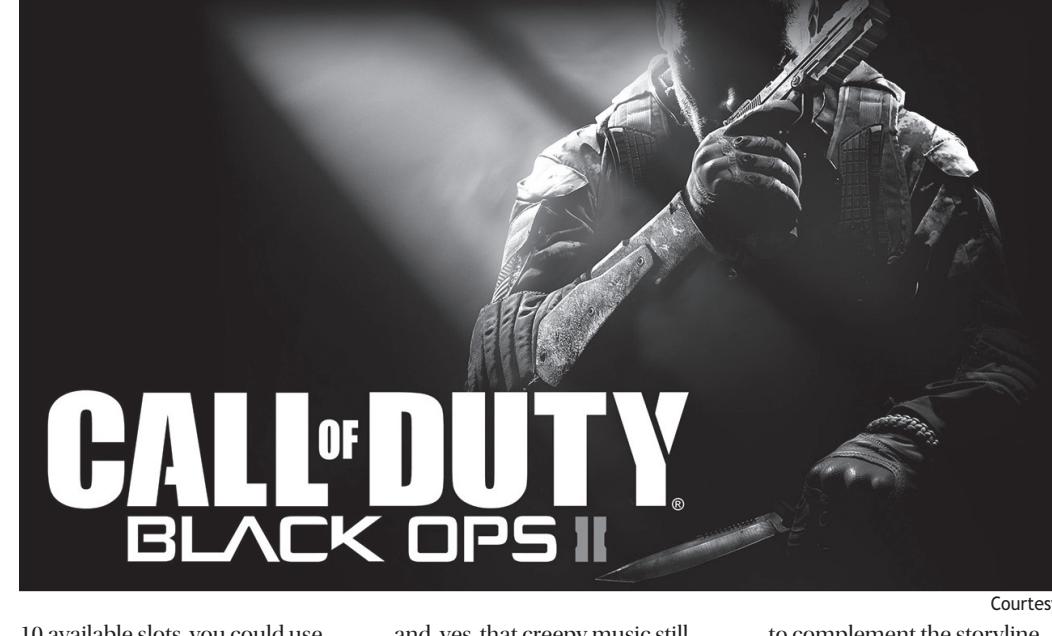
In my opinion, the gameplay of "Black Ops II" is smoother and more fluid than MW3's. This review will focus mainly on the online multiplayer aspect of the game. If you were able to preorder the game, you should have received the Nuketown 2025 map as a downloadable content add on. The original Nuketown map was the most popular map from the first "COD: Black Ops" game. The map is a bit altered to coincide with the 2025 theme, but is still the same for the most part.

As far as online play goes, the Kill Confirmed gameplay mode, which was included in MW3, has been added to the online lobby. Kill Confirmed works like this: when you or one of your teammates makes a kill, a golden dog tag will float where it happened. Picking up the tag adds 1 point to the 100

points needed for the win. Also, when you or a teammate die, a red dog tag appears. If you collect these you also gain points, but more importantly, you prevent the opposing team from confirming the kill, thus preventing them from adding points to their team's confirmed kill total. This was my favorite game mode from MW3 and I was ecstatic to see that it was included in "Black Ops II."

Most of the guns from "Black Ops II" are very different from those in MW3. New attachments are also available for weapons, such as target assistance (which will indicate opponents within your sight of fire by displaying a red diamond) and laser sights (which actually show the laser when aiming from the hip, increasing hip fire accuracy). Some attachments are not compatible with others. For instance, you cannot have a scope and target assistance on the same weapon.

Attachments and perks work in a way very similar to the system used in the "Resident Evil" game franchise. You have 10 slots available per class. You have your primary weapon, secondary weapon, one lethal and one tactical slot and perks 1-3. What's unique here is that you can completely customize each of your five available classes to fit your style of play. For instance, if you don't like a perk, you don't have to use it. With that perk gone from your



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10 available slots, you could use a wildcard or add extra available attachments. A wildcard allows you to choose to either have two primary weapons, the ability to put extra attachment on a secondary weapon or have multiple perks. You could even have three attachments on your primary weapon with a wildcard. The possibilities for arranging and customizing each class are endless.

Of course, it wouldn't be a "Black Ops" game if there weren't zombies

and, yes, that creepy music still plays on the main screen before you start zombie mode. There are three maps to choose from. You can also play online with a friend or up to seven other people, either as a zombie or a zombie killer. Another option is to disable magic before you play to avoid any shenanigans.

A lot of attention to detail was put into Campaign Mode. As always, this latest installment of the "Call of Duty" franchise offers very graphic and cinematic cut scenes

to complement the storyline. Although I'm not too far into the game, due to its Nov. 13 release date, it looks like it will provide hours of entertainment. From what I've played so far, it feels like you're watching a movie that you get to be a part of. I give "Call of Duty: Black Ops II" 4.5 out of 5 stars.

Nick Davis is a freshman in journalism and mass communications. Please send comments to [edge@kstatecollegian.com](mailto:edge@kstatecollegian.com).

## Falsely deep 'Star Driver' anime makes no sense, relies on stereotypes



Courtesy photo

### "Star Driver"

★★★★★

Anime review by Cara Hillstock

I hate "Star Driver." I hate it with a burning passion.

"Star Driver" is about a lad named Takuto who swims to an island and discovers a war involving giant robots called Cybodies, which only exist in Zero Time, an alternate dimension. Four maidens protect Zero Time from unfolding, and if the maidens' seals are broken, Zero Time will fade away and Cybodies will enter our world.

Meanwhile, an organization called the Glittering Crux wants to break the seals and unleash the Cybodies for some unknown reason. However, since one of the maidens is Takuto's friend/love interest, he will not let that happen! The story also contains some kind of love triangle. (Warning: It's not worth it.)

Starting with some positives, there was a plethora of characters. Two or three were done extremely

well and had character arcs I enjoyed greatly (shame they were only side characters). It is occasionally funny. Some of the songs are catchy. The graphics were really pretty, although they poured their budget mostly into the extremely short fight scenes.

So what makes me hate it so much?

It is mediocre.

The plot is never explained. Why do the bad guys want to release the Cybodies? What will they do with them once they are released? Why do these powers run in their families? How do you lose your Mark? What's so special about this island? Where do Cybodies come from? What the heck are you defining as "libido," because that is not what I thought that word meant. And why, dear God, does it power the Cybodies? The world will never know.

The battles lack suspense. They are short and never actually feel life-threatening to Takuto. This renders the entire conflict moot, because you never doubt for a second that the good guys will win.

That being said, the good

guys are boring. They're three stereotypes: energetic boy, serious boy and love-interest girl with magical powers who likes to eat.

The villains are much more interesting, with varied motivations and actual personalities. They behave like real people. Some want to take advantage of their station, some are hiding from the organization within it and some just straight up want to take over.

I was rooting for the villains on more than one occasion, because we get to know them and care about them far more than the protagonists. I actually groaned when the protagonists beat them, because a return to the boring, no-stakes status quo was not what I wanted.

I was recommended this show by someone who said that it was deep, far deeper than an anime usually goes. This show is not deep. The people who believe this point to symbolism, foreshadowing and song motifs as the show's depth.

Congratulations, my friends, the writers have passed a middle

school English class. Now tell me exactly what this show was trying to tell you that makes it so deep? While the show uses its elements well to enhance characterization, it doesn't actually say anything of importance about any ideas that don't pertain to Cybodies. It wears a mask of depth and pretends to be saying something important, yet the minute you start asking questions, the show falls apart.

Furthermore, try not to get invested in the love triangles or in the actual plot and the resulting fate of the islanders and the world, because those don't really get resolved.

I may hate "Star Driver," but I am smart enough to know that others might like it far more than I did. Therefore, I give "Star Driver" 2.5 out of 5 stars. You might enjoy this show, but only if you turn your brain off and enjoy watching falsely deep, over-sexualized, stereotypical tripe.

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## New 'Halo' novel solid addition to series, bridges gap between games

### "Halo: The Thursday War"

★★★★★

Book review by Jerry Yaussi

For many fans of the "Halo" video games, the games themselves are only the tip of the iceberg that is the series' lore. The newest novel, "Halo: The Thursday War," is the sequel to last year's "Halo: Glasslands" and the second book in the Kilo-Five Trilogy, written by Karen Traviss. Together, the trilogy covers the events between 2007's "Halo 3" and the franchise's newest game, "Halo 4."

The trilogy follows the Kilo-Five squad as it sets out to covertly destabilize and sabotage the Elites, a race who fought humanity in the games. To do this, Kilo-Five has armed a faction of Elites intent on overthrowing their leader, the Arbiter.

The crux of "The Thursday War" deals with the Elite civil war as it breaks out. The incitement of the war is Kilo-Five's goal; however, a member of the squad, civilian anthropologist Evan Phillips, is trapped on the Elite home world as it happens. Phillips is one of Kilo-Five's most interesting characters, and his many interactions with the Elites are interesting and often humorous. Since he isn't a soldier, his sections don't have to rely on his ability to kill aliens and blow stuff up.

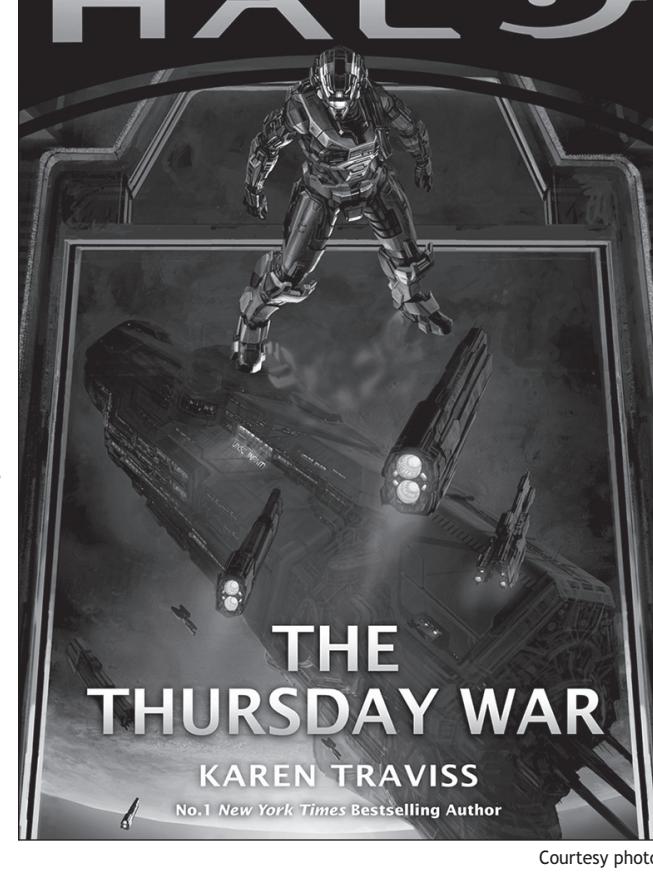
Not to say that's a lack of action. The book spends just as much time among the Elites on the front lines as it does on Phillips, though only from the perspective of the rebels. While the action depicted is quite good, one has to wonder whether having a perspective from the Arbiter's side of the conflict might have been an improvement.

Finally, there's the human navy, which helps the Arbiter's forces while simultaneously showing off their new spaceship, Infinity, the strongest ship in both the human and Elite fleets. If

you've played "Halo 4," then you're already intimately familiar with the Infinity. The connections to "Halo 4" don't end there. Expect to see characters from the game such as Captain Del Rio, Commander Lasky and Dr. Glassman. It's interesting to see "Halo 4" developer 343 Industries trying to make significant tie-ins between the expanded universe and the games.

Yet, this also leads to one of "The Thursday War's" biggest problems. In its eagerness to build up to "Halo 4," it sometimes forgets to lead off from "Halo 3." The Arbiter and Lord Hood are barely mentioned in "The Thursday War." It's great to see Traviss create and expand her own

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## Steven Spielberg, Daniel Day-Lewis revive President Lincoln on film

### "Lincoln"

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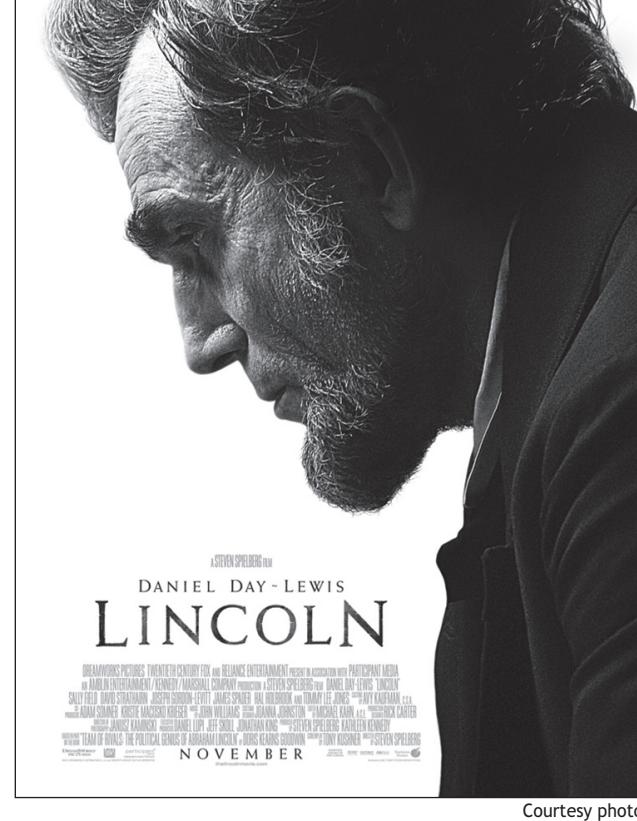
Movie review by Sid Arguello

One of the most anticipated films of the Thanksgiving season, Stephen Spielberg's "Lincoln" opened in theaters on Nov. 16 and amazed audiences with the sheer chemistry of its talented cast. Daniel Day-Lewis was particularly inspiring as the titular figure, giving a very honest and sophisticated interpretation of the 16th president.

The film surrounds the events of 1865, when Lincoln fought to pass the 13th Amendment that would abolish slavery forever. In the film, Lincoln worries that once the Civil War ends, his Emancipation Proclamation will be cast aside as a wartime measure, and newly freed slaves will be subject to re-enslavement. Lincoln seeks help from both the Republican and Democratic parties in order to pass the Amendment in the House of Representatives.

However, Lincoln's personal life comes into play at a crucial time when his oldest son Robert (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) returns from college determined to enlist, bringing unforeseen tension to the Lincoln family.

Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln (Sally Field), already tormented by the death of their younger son Edward, is horrified at the thought of her son going to war and pleads with her husband not to let him go. In one powerful scene, Mary screams at Lincoln, accusing him of not doing enough to save Edward. She tells him that if Robert dies, he may as well send her to the "mad house."



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because she could not cope with the death of another child.

Though the film was strongly focused on the historical aspects of the 13th Amendment rather than the life of President Lincoln, it was very enjoyable.

Although Lewis gave a great performance as Lincoln, one of the absolute greatest characters was Thaddeus Stevens (Tommy Lee Jones), a highly influential member of the Republican party. Stevens's every line seemed to elicit laughter from the

audience. He was very sarcastic and witty, and I wanted to see more of him.

This film was absolutely one of the year's best. Lewis is sure to pick up an Oscar nomination for his role.

This historical drama keeps the audience entertained through the length of the film and even offers many comedic moments. I give this film 4.5 out of 5 stars.

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## GLOBAL | Alaskan killer commits suicide

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tion were exempt from judicial review. On Sunday, tens of thousands of pro-Morsi protesters surrounded Egypt's Supreme Constitutional Court and caused the indefinite postponement of all sessions.

Morsi's opponents accuse him of trying to force through a constitution that will allow them to "push Egyptian society in the direction of religious conservatism," according to the Times. Eleven newspapers in Egypt refused to publish Tuesday in protest, and three television networks said they would withhold broadcast Wednesday.

Almost two years after Egyptians rose up to overthrow Mubarak, the country remains split roughly in half between conservative Muslims and Christians and liberals.

### Alleged serial killer commits suicide in custody in Alaska

Authorities in Alaska reported that, Israel Keyes, who was arrested and charged with the February abduction and murder of an 18-year-old barista, committed suicide in police custody on Sunday. The FBI field office in Anchorage reported that Keyes, 34, had also confessed to at least seven other murders beginning in 2001.

According to CNN, Keyes committed four murders in Washington state, two in Vermont and one somewhere along the East Coast, in addition to February's Alaska murder. Keyes is said to have chosen his victims at random. He was arrested in March and could have faced the death penalty if convicted.

### At least nine killed by mortar shell in Syrian elementary school

According to the New York Times on Tuesday, the Syrian government blamed rebel forces for a mortar attack that hit a school in the Damascus suburbs that left 29 civilians dead. Antigovernment groups confirmed the attack, but said only nine people were killed.

As fighting rages on between the government and the rebel Free Syrian Army, the United Nations warns that it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide food to displaced Syrians.

The Free Syrian Army, in its 20th month of armed rebellion, is rumored to be advancing on Damascus, a stronghold for President Bashar al-Assad and the incumbent Ba'ath party, the Times reported.

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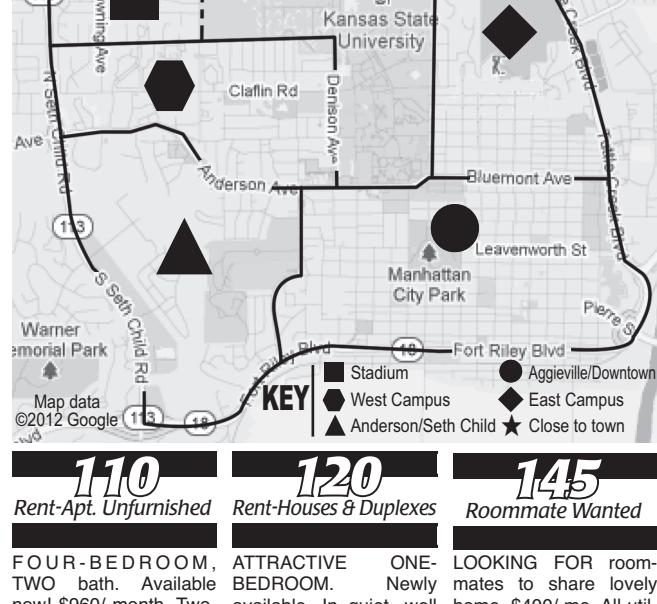
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## Opportunity costs of grad school merit consideration



Eric Haun

Making the choice to further your education with graduate school is one that students should carefully review. While some fields require advanced degrees for entry, others are more elective. Most students focus only on the hard costs of the decision, but the opportunity costs of the decision to go to graduate school

could have an impact well into the future.

Our first thought is probably the hard costs and immediate considerations that come with choosing graduate school. Not only must we consider the tuition amount and debt that can mount over the course of attaining the degree, but there are also the costs associated with the location of the school and living expenses — graduate students still have to eat.

We may then take an inventory of our life expenses — will I be paying for a wedding, house or child within the next few years? Is this choice going to place me in a higher level career after graduation or at least position me

for faster advancement so I can recover these costs?

For some, the reasoning might stop there. The hard costs appear to give enough pros and cons to weigh the alternatives and make a choice to attend or not attend graduate school.

However, don't forget the opportunity costs and considerations that could weigh heavily on your decision. These include lost years of income and lost years of experience and potential promotions. There are also hidden costs such as the personal and employee-sponsored 401(k) contributions on which you may be missing out, the income you would have saved for investment purposes and the earnings

you could have made from your investments.

You could say there is a domino effect for each decision you make, and this one warrants some time and consideration so that you are aware of all the variables.

Do the opportunity costs outweigh the benefits of your higher degree? In many cases, the choice to attend graduate school could be your best option, as long as you're smart and in the game along the way, making the right choices regarding your finances.

You can also create a strong financial foundation for yourself by practicing money management with what little money you do have. Typically, you will have

a job of some sort to get through, so save 10 percent (or what you can) from the beginning. The difference between doing this from ages 18 to 22 vs. 30-plus or whenever you can "afford" it can make a huge difference in your end sum. Maybe you seek out opportunities for teaching or doing research while getting your degree so you don't have to take out as large of a loan as you originally planned. Each of these little steps toward properly managing your finances can help you start out on the right foot when graduation comes.

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## Business Beat: Netflix signs with Disney, Apple scammer caught in fraud

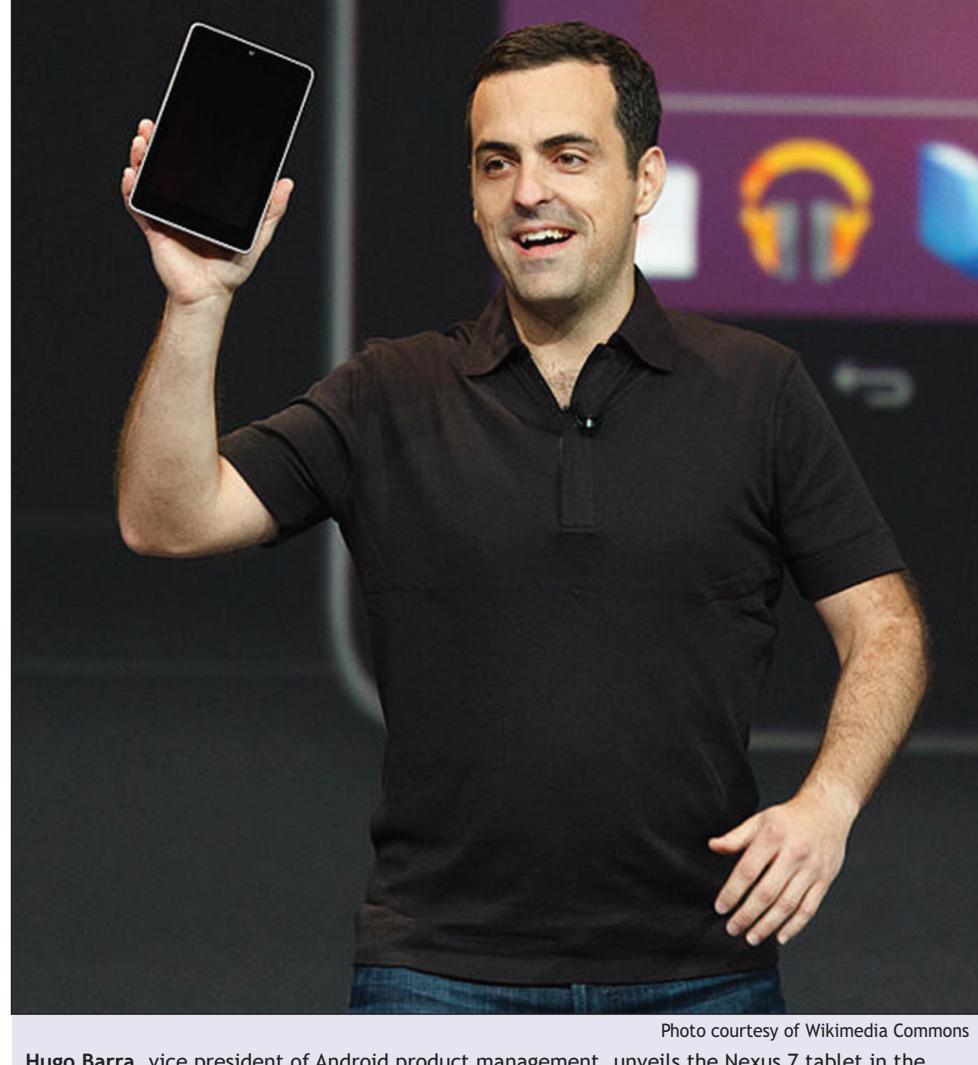


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Hugo Barra, vice president of Android product management, unveils the Nexus 7 tablet in the 2012 Google I/O conference in July. At the 2013 conference, Google is expected to unveil updates on tablets as well as news on Google Glass, glasses designed to act as a computer display.

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Shipping worker strike  
causes cargo delays

The now weeklong strike by workers at the ports of Los An-

geles and Long Beach has shut down 10 of 14 available shipping ports, causing cargo and shipment delays. The strike, brought on by clerical workers accusing the Harbor Employers Association of outsourcing

jobs, has left \$3 billion in goods sitting in the docks.

According to an article published Tuesday by USA Today, 450 clerical workers started the strike eight days ago, and approximately 10,000 port work-

ers refused to cross the strike's picket lines. The National Retail Federation has written to President Obama to intervene, but the clerical unit says it plans to continue the strike.

The strike now threatens to affect nationwide retailers with limited product toward the end of the holiday season.

### Connecticut stock trader charged with Apple fraud

New York trader David Miller, 40, was charged in a scheme to profit from \$1 billion in illegally gained Apple stock. If convicted, Miller could face up to 20 years in prison, according to an article by NBC News published Tuesday.

Miller lied about the amount of shares his company, Rochdale Securities LLC, ordered from Apple in October. Miller claimed to order only 1,625 but actually ordered 1.6 million. If Apple stock rose, Miller would claim the profits, but planned to complain about the mistake if the stock fell.

Re-selling the stock cost Rochdale Securities approximately \$5 million and Miller was charged with fraud. Miller appeared in court Tuesday and was released on a \$300,000 bond.

### Google I/O conference dates released

Google's I/O developer conference, where Google will announce new technology and updates, is slated to occur May 15-17, 2013, in San Francisco.

Last year, the Google I/O conference unveiled the Nexus 7 tablet, which was met with high demand and positive acclaim from critics. More infor-

mation on Google's phones and tablets is expected for the upcoming conference, in addition to updates on Project Glass, glasses designed by Google to act as a computer display.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Google announced the conference dates Tuesday via the developer Google+ page. Developers must wait until February 2013 to register for the conference.

### Stock market suffers from fiscal cliff indecision

Stocks closed low again on Tuesday as investors remain wary of the "fiscal cliff" — a potential recession caused by a bipartisan agreement to slash funding for federal programs on Jan. 2, 2013, if both parties fail to compromise on the debt ceiling. Dow Jones fell 13.82 points, Standard & Poor fell 2.41 points and Nasdaq fell 5.51 points.

According to an article published Tuesday by NBC News, the overall stock plunge was caused by reactions to President Obama's rejection of the latest Republican fiscal cliff solution. Obama continues to pursue a higher tax on wealthy citizens, while Republicans push for economic boosters.

Stocks closed continue to remain below the daily average, with this week's close exchanging 5.86 billion shares, well below the typical 6.48 billion.

### Netflix to include old Disney films Tuesday, new in 2016

According to a Tuesday CNN article, Netflix has officially signed a movie deal agreement with Walt Disney Studios. The deal gives Netflix exclusive

rights to Disney's new releases beginning in 2016; however, classic Disney films such as "Pocahontas" and "Dumbo" will be available on Netflix next Tuesday.

In 2016, Netflix users will be able to stream new Disney movies and movies from Disney subsidiaries, including Pixar and Marvel. Netflix gained this deal after losing their contract with Starz, which currently carries Disney titles. The Netflix deal will end Starz's licensing with Disney, as well as other companies that aired Disney films, like Amazon Prime and iTunes.

Representatives from both companies have not disclosed whether this means that Netflix will be the sole provider of the new Star Wars film slated to be released by Disney in 2015.

### U.S. banks receive record 3rd quarter profit

U.S. banks have achieved record-breaking profits in the third quarter, reporting profits in the range of \$37 billion, a 6.6 percent jump from the same period last year.

Analysis from the RBC Capital Markets predict that if this rate of recovery continues, banks will exceed the overall record of profits set in 2006. The current rise in profits is due to proper cutting of assets, according to the LA Times.

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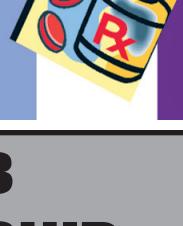
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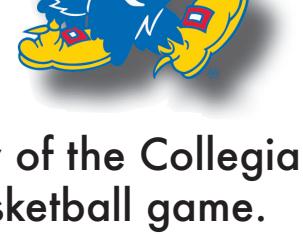
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